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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 and 36-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of the embodiment of figure 14 (device claims) in the reply filed on 11/26/2004 is acknowledged.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, a material that is substantially transparent to light that emerges from the light-emitting device, as recited in claim 6, and a packaged device wherein first and second sheets forming a portion of a packaged device, as recited in claims 3-4, 37 and 41, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

The drawings are objected to because figure 14 does not depict layer 132.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering

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of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. There is no support in the embodiment of figure 14 for a pattern extending beyond the first layer, as recited in claim 24.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-28 and 36-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krames et al. (5,779,924) in view of Heremans et al. (6,504,180) and Schofield et al. (6,690,268).

Krames et al. teach in figure 12 and related text a light-emitting device, comprising:

a multi-layer stack of materials including a light-generating region 2 and a first layer 1 (the layer between substrate 3 and region 2) supported by the light-generating region, a surface of the first layer being configured so that light generated by the light-generating region can emerge from the light-emitting device via the surface of the first layer, the surface of the first layer having a dielectric function that varies spatially according to a pattern; and

a transparent material 12 supported by the surface of the first layer, wherein sidewalls of the light-emitting device are substantially devoid of the phosphor material.

Krames et al. do not teach a phosphor material supported by the surface of the first layer.

Heremans et al. teach a transparent layer comprising phosphor material in order to change the wavelength of the diode.

Schofield et al. teach using a phosphor-mixed transparent material in order to achieve a high luminosity and low power consumption light source. ("A white light emitting diode (LED) that is thermostable is available from Toshiba America Electronic Components,

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Inc. of Irvine, Calif., Part Number: TLWA1100. The thermostable white light LED integrates multiple colored phosphors and a short peak wavelength (preferably, approximately 380 nanometers (nm) in peak spectral output intensity) light emitting diode junction in a phosphor-mixed transparent resin package to achieve a high luminosity, low power consumption light source.”).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a transparent layer comprising phosphor material in Krames et al.’s device in order to use the device in an application which requires specific diode wave length, and in order to improve the characteristics of the device.

Regarding claims 2-14, 16-23, 25-28, 38-43 and 45-50, prior art teaches an LED comprising a phosphor material disposed on the surface of the first layer, wherein the light-emitting device is in the form of a packaged die that is free of an encapsulant, wherein

a layer comprising a material that is substantially transparent to light that emerges from the light-emitting device,

wherein at least some of the phosphor material is disposed within the layer that comprises the material that is substantially transparent to light that emerges from the light-emitting device, wherein

a material 13 having an index of refraction of at most about 1.5 disposed between the surface of the first layer and the layer that comprises the material that is substantially transparent to light that emerges from the light-emitting device, and

a support 3 that supports the multi-layer stack of materials, wherein

a layer of reflective material that is capable of reflecting at least about 50% of light generated by the light-generating region that impinges on the layer of reflective material, the layer of reflective material being between the support and the multi-layer stack of materials, wherein

the reflective material is a heat sink material configured so that the heat sink material has a vertical heat gradient during use of the light-emitting device, wherein

electrical contacts 4 configured to inject current into the light-emitting device, wherein the electrical contacts are configured to vertically inject electrical current into the light-emitting device, wherein the pattern has an ideal lattice constant and a detuning parameter with a value greater than zero and does not extend into the light-generating region and the first layer,

and a layer of reflective material that is capable of reflecting at least about 50% of light generated by the light-generating region that impinges on the layer of reflective material, wherein the light-generating region is between the layer of reflective material and the first layer, wherein the phosphor material is in the form of a layer,

and a thickness of the layer of the phosphor material varies by less than about 20%, wherein

a gas is present between the multi-layer stack of materials and the first sheet, wherein the gas comprises air, wherein

the surface of the first layer has features with a size of less than about $J/5$, where J is a wavelength of light that can be generated by the light-generating region and that can emerge from the light-emitting device via the surface of the first layer.

Regarding claim 36, prior art teaches a phosphor material configured so that light generated by the light-generating region that emerges via the surface of the first layer interacts with the phosphor material so that light that emerges from the phosphor layer is substantially white light, wherein a ratio of a height of the light-emitting device to an area of the light-emitting device is sufficiently small enough for the white light to extend in all directions.

Regarding claim 37, prior art teaches a first sheet comprising a material that is substantially transparent to light that emerges from the light-emitting device; and a second sheet comprising a phosphor material, the second sheet being adjacent the first sheet, wherein the light-emitting device is packaged. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a first and second sheets to form a portion of the package for the light-emitting device in prior art's device, in order to simplify the processing steps of making the device by using the first and second sheets to form a portion of the package for the light-emitting device.

Regarding claim 15, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a current-spreading layer between the first layer

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and the light-generating region in prior art's device in order to improve the characteristics of the device.

Regarding claims 24 and 44, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a pattern extending beyond the first layer and a pressure of the gas being less than about 100 Torr, in prior art's device in order to use the device in an application which requires specific pattern and specific gas pressure, respectively.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or any earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to *Examiner Nadav* whose telephone number is **(571) 272-**

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(Eastern Standard Time) Monday through Friday.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be
directed to the **Technology Center Receptionists** whose telephone number is **308-
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